Shortage of raw material for Paper industry

1271. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem which appeared in the 'Econmic Times' dated 5th February, 1992 captioned "Paper Industry faces raw material shortage";

(b) if so, whether the Paper industry in the country is facing shortage of raw material ; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet the shortage of raw material for paper industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On account of National Forest Policy, the supply of forest based raw material for industrial purposes is not being encouraged. Therefore, inadequate supply of raw material is one of the problems being faced by paper industry.

(c) Import of wood pulp and waste paper has been allowed under OGL at a low rate of customs duty. Government also encourages the use of agricultural residues, bagasse and other non-conventional raw materials. Paper units based on minimum 75% pulp from these raw materials are exempt from licensing as per the new Industrial Policy.

Self-employment scheme by Department of Small Scale Industries

1272. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that self employment scheme for educated unemployed youth is being implemented by the department of small scale industries agro and rural industries;

(b) if so, the number of persons benefited from this scheme so far;

(c) if not whether this scheme is proposed to be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes Sir. The office of DC (SSI) monitors the Scheme for Self-Employment to Educated unemployed Youth (SEEUY) since 1983-84.

(b) The number of persons benefited from the scheme since inception of the programme upto 1990-91 in the form of loan sanctioned by banks has been nearly 14.28 lakhs against the target of 16.25 lakhs (i.e. 88%).

(c) and (d) Government have set up a committee on boosting employment for the educated unemployed under the Chairmanship of Deputy Chairman Planning Commission. Committee's report is awaited. SEEUY Scheme may undergo modification. It is to be decided whether the SEEUY Scheme will be implemented as such or in the modified form during 1992-93 and the Eighth Five Year Plan.

1273. [*Transferred to the 13th March*, 1992]

1274. [*Transferred to the 13th March*, 1992]

Development of infrastructural facilities by DSIDC for Computer software units

1275. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation propose to develop in-

frastructural facilities for setting up computer software units in the capital to offer self-employment opportunities to computer professionals; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) and (b) According to Delhi Administration, a proposal relating to infrastructural facilities for setting up Computer Software Units is at conceptual stage of Delhi State Industrial Development Corporation. The proposal is yet to be submitted to Delhi Administration for approval.

Cheap means of transport for rural areas

1276. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the 'Financial Express' dated February 10, 1992 captioned "Rural India's LCV at Rs.33,000 beats industry's giants" ;

(b) what steps are being taken to provide cheap means of travel to rural areas;

(c) whether Government propose to encourage indigenous technology in this regard ; and

(d) what staps are being taken to institutionalise such methods of transport in rural areas and upgrade their technology ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.J. KURIEN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The provision of transport in rural areas is the concern of respective State Governments. With a view to accelerate the growth of production and its availability manufacture of commercial vehicles has been delicensed under the New Industrial Policy.

मैसर्स त्रिवेणी स्ट्रक्चरल कम्पनी लिमिटेड को हुआ घाटा

1277. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इलाहाबाद ने नैनी स्थित त्रिवेणी स्ट्रक्चरल कम्पनी लिमिटेड इस समय घाटे में चल रही है ; यदि हां, तो इस समय उसका कुल घाटा कितना है ;

(ख) क्या उपयोगी लोहे को स्क्रैप के रूप में बेचने की योजना कार्यान्वित कर दी गई है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(घ) क्या इस योजना के विरुद्ध कोई शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई हैं ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी०के० थुंगन) : (क) जी हां, दिनांक 31-3-1991 तक कम्पनी की संचित शुद्ध हानि 22.34 करोड़ रुपये थी। चालू वित्तीय वर्ष (1991-92) के दौरान, शुद्ध हानि लगभग 7.00 करोड़ रु० होने की संभावना है ।

(ख) से (ङ) कम्पनी, खुली निविदा के माध्यम से बिक्री द्वारा, कम्पनी के उपयोग में न आने वाले केवल बेकार टुकड़ों और कटे टुकड़ों का निपटान करती है। यद्यपि एम०एस० स्क्रैप के निपटान में राफरी के बारे में एक शिकायत प्राप्त हुई थी, तथापि जांच करने पर उसे निराधार पाया गया ।